(b) States are in the process of formulating their action plans based on the framework formulated for the Phase-Ill of the National AIDS Control Programme. The action plans are still to be finalized. High prevalence and North Eastern states will be given priority in the Phase III of the programme.

(c) The state-level plans are under formulation by the States AIDS Control Societies.

(d) Does not arise.

Bogus doctors

667. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there are bogus doctors in country who have acquired degrees through malpractice;

(b) if so, how many such doctors are there in the country, State-wise;

(c) what steps Government have taken/proposed to be taken in this matter;

(d) whether Government are aware that Literary Conferences are giving such degrees; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMI): (a) to (e) As per the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970 and Homeopathy Central Council Act, 1973, only medical practitioners registered under the provisions of the respective Acts are eligible to practice in the concerned system of medicine. Provisions exist in these Acts to take action against unregistered practitioners of medicine. Any person who acts in contravention of the provisions can be punished with imprisonment and fine under respective Acts. The Government do not maintain list of unregistered doctors.